(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHAT AM): (a) and (b) While the Government of lndia has initiated steps through the National Capital Region (NCR) Plan for preventing further congestion of Delhi, it plays a catalytic role in regard to similar efforts in respect of other big cities. The centrally sponsored scheme of Integrated Development of Small & Medium Towns started during the 6th Five Year Plan has been so designed to improve the urban infrastructure in small and medium towns with a view to restrain the population movement towards bigger cities. 380 towns have been assisted during the 6th and 7th Five Year Plans. 77 towns have been assisted during the year 1990-91. The total approved cost of the projects in these towns works out to Rs. 450 crores of which the Central Government share would be Rs. 197 crores. Besides finances from institutions like HUDCO have also been made available to the small and medium towns.

Soil erosion and low yield due to green revolution

795. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that green revolution has resulted in soil erosion and consequently in low Yield

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the States affected by soil erosion and low yield;

(d) the amount spent on green - tion programme during the Seventh Five Year Plan period; and

(e) the futue plan of Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULL APP ALLY RAMACHANDRAN):

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise

(c) Statewise area affected by soil erosion is annexed as Statement. *(See* below). States having yield of food grains I lower than the National average pf 1349 kg. per ha. 1989-90 are Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Gujarat, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Orissa, Rjasthan and Union Territories of Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Delhi.

(d) There was no programme entitled ' "Green Revolution Programme" during the 7th Plan Green revolution has been due to a strategy of agricultural production based on scientific agronomic practices, application of inputs, use of high yielding variety of seeds, development of irrigation faciliites, etc. During the Seventh Plan, an amount of Rs. 12,864 crore was spent in Agriculture and allied sector and Rs. 15,515.6 crore in Irrigation sector.

(e) The Government envisages the continuation of onging schemes like Special Foodgrains Production Programmes, Cen- * trally Sponsored Schemes of Soil Conservation in the Catchment of River Valley Projects, Integrated Watershed Management in the Catchment of Flood Prone Rivers, Reclamation of Alkali Soil in the States of Haryana, Punjab and Uttar Pradesh, National Watershed Development Programme for Rainfed Agriculture, etc.

Statement

Statewise Area Affected by Soil Erosion

Unit:-000 ha.

S. No.	Staf/U.T.	Area affected by Soil Erosion
1.	Andhra Pradesh	11502
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	2444
3.	Asam	2217
4.	Bihar	4260
5.	Gujrat	9946
6.	Haryana	1591
7.	Himachal Pardesh	1914
8.	Jammu & Kashmir	883
9.	Karnataka	10989
10.	K rala	1757
11.	M idhya Prad sh	19610
12.	Maharasthra	19181
13.	Mmipur	374
14.	M gailaya	837
15.	Mizoram	421
16.	Nigiland	405
17.	Oissa	4578
18.	Pu'v'ab	1007
19.	Rajasthan	19902
20.	Sikkim	303
21.	Tamil Nadu	3640
22.	Tripura	167
23.	Uttar Prad-sh	711C
24.	W-st Bengal	1033
25.	Goa	200
26.	A and N Hands	259
27.	Chandigarh	001
2}.	D lira anl NigirHaveli	012
29.	Delhi	074
3).	Dim in and Diu	
31.	Likihadw- P	
32.	Pondicherry	003
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